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### **NC Council for Women Recertifies Local Batterer Intervention Programs**

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The North Carolina Council for Women recertified 50 Domestic Violence Batterer Intervention Programs serving domestic violence offenders. Program participants, who are often mandated by court-order to attend a certified 26 week program, receive information and resources on how to stop abusive behavior.

“Statewide Batterer Intervention Programs are a crucial component in addressing core issues of domestic violence,” said Michael Silver, member of the Domestic Violence Commission. “These programs focus on safety of children in the home, address outdated societal gender roles and end cycles of abuse.”

From April 2012 – March 2013, a total of 4,568 offenders were referred to Domestic Violence Batterer Intervention Programs. Of these offenders, 72% were enrolled and 57% completed the 26 week program. The programs provide services in 85 locations across North Carolina and each program is required to renew their service provision contract annually. The North Carolina Court system can only refer domestic violence offenders to a certified Batterer Intervention Program.

The mission of NC Batterer Intervention Programs is to aid in the elimination of domestic violence by providing services to batterers, hold them accountable, promote safety and justice for victims and children, and to bring about social change necessary to end battering and all forms of domestic violence.

For more information on the Batterer Intervention Program, please contact Gale McKoy Wilkins at 919-733-2455 or visit [NC Council for Women](#) online.

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